

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

RETAIL ACCESS OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE, 2011

Docket No. N2011-1

**REPLY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO MOTION OF THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE
SEEKING TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE
FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**
(September 13, 2011)

In accordance with Presiding Officer's Ruling No. N2011-1/12, the United States Postal Service hereby replies to the September 9, 2009, Motion of the Public Representative seeking to extend the deadline for the filing of rebuttal testimony.

In accordance with Order No. 778 (July 28, 2011), the deadline for the filing of rebuttal testimony was set for September 16, 2011. The Public Representative has moved that that deadline be set at a week after receipt of Postal Service witness Boldt's testimonial responses. The Public Representative's Motion is supported by a response filed on September 12, 2011, by the American Postal Workers Union. Additionally, the National League of Postmasters has filed a pleading today asserting that its ability to prepare rebuttal testimony in time to meet the deadline established in Order No. 778 is prejudiced by the existence of several outstanding interrogatory responses.

The Postal Service is working diligently to respond to all outstanding discovery in this docket and is second to none in seeking to ensure procedural fairness for the parties who may be preparing rebuttal testimony to file in this docket. Accordingly, the Postal Service does not oppose the motion of the Public Representative.

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